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Vessels equipped with ballast water tanks bound for all ports or places within the waters of the United States after operating outside the EEZ (which includes the equivalent zone of Canada).

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Bound for	You must submit your report as detailed below.
The Great Lakes	Fax the information at least 24 hours before the vessel arrives in Montreal, Quebec, to the USCG COTP Buffalo, Massena Detachment (315–769–5032) or to the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (315–764–3250). In lieu of faxing, vessels that are not U.S. or Canadian flagged may complete the ballast water information section of the St. Lawrence Seaway "Pre-entry Information from Foreign Flagged Vessel Form".
Hudson River north of the George Washington Bridge.	Fax the information to the COTP New York at (718–354–4249) at least 24 hours before the vessel arrives at New York, New York. *NoTE: Vessels entering COTP New York Zone which are not bound up the Hudson River north of George Washington Bridge should submit the form in accordance with the instructions in the following block.
All other U.S. Ports	Report before departing the port or place of departure if voyage is less than 24 hours, or at least 24 hours before arrival at the port or place of destination if the voyage exceeds 24 hours; and submit the required information to the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse (NBIC) by one of the following means: Via the Internet at http://invasions.si.edu/NBIC/bwform.html ; E-mail to NBIC@BALLASTREPORT.ORG ; Fax to 301–261–4319; or Mail the information to U.S. Coast Guard, c/o SERC. P.O. Box 28, Edgewater, MD 21037–0028.
	e EEZ, which are equipped with ballast water tanks and are bound for all ports or ces within the waters of the United States.
Bound for	You must submit your report as detailed below:
All U.S. ports including the Great Lakes and Hudson River North of George Washington Bridge.	Report before departing the port or place of departure if voyage is less than 24 hours, or at least 24 hours before arrival at the port or place of destination if the voyage exceeds 24 hours; and submit the required information to the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse (NBIC) by one of the following means: Via the Internet at http://invasions.si.edu/NBIC/bwform.html ; E-mail to NBIC@BALLASTREPORT.ORG ; Fax to 301–261–4319; or Mail to U.S. Coast

If any information changes, send an amended form before the vessel departs the waters of the United States.

Guard, c/o SERC, P.O. Box 28, Edgewater, MD 21037-0028.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The Coast Guard estimates that the average burden for this report is 35 minutes. You may submit any comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate or any suggestions for reducing the burden to: Commandant (CG-5224), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd St., SW. Stop 7126, Washington, DC 20593-7126, or Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (1625-0069), Washington, DC 20503.

 $[USCG-1998-3423, 64\ FR\ 26682,\ May\ 17,\ 1999,\ as\ amended\ at\ 66\ FR\ 58391,\ Nov.\ 21,\ 2001;\ USCG-2002-13147,\ 69\ FR\ 32870,\ June\ 14,\ 2004;\ USCG-2005-21531,\ 70\ FR\ 36349,\ June\ 23,\ 2005;\ USCG-2008-0179,\ 73\ FR\ 35014,\ June\ 19,\ 2008;\ USCG-2010-0351,\ 75\ FR\ 36284,\ June\ 25,\ 2010;\ USCG-2011-0257,\ 76\ FR\ 31837,\ June\ 2,\ 2011]$

Subpart E—Definition of Marine Debris for the Purposes of the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act

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§ 151.3000 Definition of marine debris for the purposes of the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act.

(a) Marine debris. For the purposes of the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act (33 U.S.C. 1951– 1958 (2006)) only, marine debris is defined as any persistent solid material that is manufactured or processed and directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally, disposed of or abandoned into the marine environment or the Great Lakes.

(b) NOAA and the Coast Guard have jointly promulgated the definition of marine debris in this part. NOAA's regulation may be found in 15 CFR part 909.

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